

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

Bishop Haven sails for Africa in October. The Presbyterian Church of Lower Brandywine, in the Presbytery of Turneaste, Del., is 156 years old.

The meetings in Dr. Tryg's Gospel tent on Thirty-fourth-st. have been well attended all through the month of August.

There is a report that Dr. Trench, the Archbishop of Dublin, intends to resign his office on account of ill-health.

The annual meeting of the British Evangelical Alliance will be held this year at Southport, beginning Oct. 3.

A Methodist paper of Philadelphia announces 42 camp meetings as opening between the 14th and the 29th of August.

The new Anglican Bishop of Bombay, the Rev. Dr. Mylne, was installed in the Cathedral Church of Bombay on the 6th of July.

The Rev. B. F. Barrett, a leading Swedish minister of Barrett, has left that community on account of changes in his opinions.

The collections taken in London on Hospital Sunday this year amounted to £29,000. This is larger than £20,000 or £4,000 than the collections of 1875.

The *Presbyterian* puts the total amount of property held by Prince on Theological Seminary at \$18,157. Of this total \$14,157 are invested funds.

The Cathedral of Chester, England, was reopened for public worship on the 8th of August. During the past eight years the sum of £75,000 has been spent upon its restoration.

The oldest religious paper in California is *The Pacific*, the first number of which appeared Aug. 1, 1852. It represents the Congregationalists, although it is not strictly a church organ.

A correspondent of *The Congregationalist* estimates that 250 honorary doctorates are conferred by American colleges yearly. The most of such degrees conferred are doctorates of divinity.

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The Board of Commissioners of the Auburn Theological Seminary (Presbyterian) have found it impossible to fill the Chair of Christian Theology, which Dr. Hall has resigned, before the opening of the seminary. Prof. Huntington has, therefore, been appointed to fill the chair in addition to his own for the time being.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has been made chairman of the committee upon intercession, which at his request the House of Lords has appointed. No final action was taken by the House of Commons upon the bill for the closing of the public-houses in Ireland on Sunday, the measure being "fallen out" one night before the close of the session.

As a sequel to the case of Jenkins against Cook, it may be stated that the Rev. Flavel Cook, since his resignation of his incumbency of Christ Church, Clifton, has been presented with more than £6,000, together with the costs of his law suits. Mr. Jenkins has presented himself at communion in Christ Church, Clifton, and received the sacrament.

A letter in *The London Times* of Aug. 7 states that a telegram has been sent by the Porte to all the governors of the Turkish Empire, directing all Moslems to a religious duty to join the holy war against the infidels. Since the publication of this telegram, which is dated June 27, great alarm has been excited among the Christians of Syria, and trade in many towns has come to a standstill.

It is claimed that the first Sunday-school in Ohio was formed by Mrs. Mary Lake, in the fort at Marietta, as early as 1791. The fort was erected for the protection of the early settlers. During the war of 1791 several families sought refuge within the fort, and in their children Mrs. Lake and her two sons founded the nucleus for a successful Sunday-school.

Great progress has been made in the building of the American Protestant College in Turkey. The building, when finished, will accommodate 120 students, besides containing library and lecture rooms. The site of the college, which was presented by a Mohammedan, contains thirty-four acres. The Sunday-schools of this country have contributed nearly \$4,000 toward the expense of the building.

The French Chamber of Deputies, on July 29, considered a proposal for the abolition of all state paid faculties of theology. This was rejected by a vote of 337 to 54; but by a further vote of 285 to 162 it abolished the Theological Faculty of Bonn, which has more professors than students. The removal of the Protestant Faculties of Strasbourg and Montauban to Paris was also directed.

The Methodist Bethel Mission ship, which has been for thirty years moored at Pier No. 11 North River, has been removed to the Brooklyn side of the harbor, between the South and Hamilton Ferries. The Scandinavian vessels, among whose crews the work of the mission has principally lain, discharge now at the Atlantic Docks. The preaching on this ship has had great influence in extending Methodist missions through Sweden and Norway.

The Tablet announces that there will be an exposition at the Vatican, Rome, from the 26th of May to the 30th of June, 1877, of articles devoted to divine worship. It will be in honor of the completion of the 50th year of the Episcopate of Pope Pius IX, and will be organized by the Society of Roman Catholic Youth. The exhibition will embrace four groups of articles: (1) Articles in stone; (2) Articles in metal; (3) Books; (4) Articles of religious art.

The Rev. G. H. Doane, the President of the Young Men's Catholic Union of the United States, has made an address to the Young Men's Catholic Association, urging them to extend their work of organizing literary and musical societies, establishing libraries, &c. The General Vice-President of the National Union is the Rev. Thomas S. Preston of this city. The next convention of the National Union will be held in New-York on the 30th of May, 1877.

Two men who applied for admission to membership in the Seventh United Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh were refused on the ground of their connection with secret societies. One of them was an Orangeman and Odd-Fellow, the other an Orangeman and Good Templar. The question of their reception was decided according to the standards of the United Presbyterian Church, members of secret societies cannot be admitted to church fellowship.

The suit of Mrs. Mary A. Crow against the Central Baptist Church of Syracuse, in this State, has been decided by the referee in favor of the defendants.

By the giving way of a truss in the building a number of persons were killed, and among them Mr. Crow's husband; the suit was for damages. The referee held that inasmuch as the trustees of the church employed a competent architect, and gave him unlimited power as to materials and manner of construction, they were not liable.

The official estimates of the Methodist Episcopal Church (South) for the year 1875 contain the following figures of general interest: The traveling preachers number 3,371; the church members 731,361, of whom 715,051 are whites. The number of Sunday-schools is 7,578, in which there are 49,797 teachers and 346,759 scholars. Of the money raised during the year \$64,326 was for conference claimants, and \$10,128 for missions. The latter fund showed an increase for the year of \$18,174, and the former of \$3,198. The increase in the number of members was 18,596 persons.

The fifth annual assembly of the Congregational Union of Wales was held at Cardiff, Aug. 1-3. The Rev. R. Thomas of Bala presided. The sessions were occupied chiefly with the reading of essays upon such subjects as "The Scriptures and Their Proper Use," "The relations of Sacred Music to Religious Revivals," "The Religious Education of the Young in our Churches," etc. Lord Sandon's education bill was discussed, and a resolution was passed objecting to the power given by it to denominational teaching. At a number of the meetings the language spoken was Welsh. The Rev. W. Evans was elected chairman for the ensuing year, and Porriodadoc was appointed as the place for the next assembly. The union represents 1,000 congregations and over 100,000 members.

During the recent session of the British Wesleyan Conference at Nottingham the resolution admitting lay representatives to the conference was passed by a vote of 339 to 49. A long debate preceded its passage, in which speeches were made on behalf of those who supported it and those who opposed it. The Rev. W. Morley Punshon, the Rev. E. Robinson, the Rev. Mr. Perkins, the Rev. William Arthur, and other leading preachers. The chief dissident was the Rev. Mr. Pope, whose views were expressed in a paper which was read, Mr. Pope being absent through illness. A proposal made in the course of the debate to delay the final settlement of the question until after the next district meetings was rejected by a large majority—325 to 82. The resolution as accepted was in a form proposed by Dr. Punshon, namely: "That it is expedient that lay representatives should be admitted into, and take part in, the sessions of the conference during the time when such matters shall be considered and decided as shall be referred to be within the province of ministers and laymen sitting in joint meeting."

The annual assembly of the United Methodist Free Church of Great Britain was held at Sheffield, July 26 to Aug. 5. The Rev. T. M. Booth was elected President for the year. The statistics of the denomination were reported to be 350 ministers, 71,317 members (an increase during the year of 2,665), 25,003 Sunday-school teachers, and 176,582 Sunday-school scholars (an increase of 5,874 scholars). A warm discussion was caused during the early part of the session by a motion to send a fraternal greeting to the Wesleyan Conference which was accepted in a form proposed by Dr. Punshon, namely: "That it is expedient that lay representatives should be admitted into, and take part in, the sessions of the conference during the time when such matters shall be considered and decided as shall be referred to be within the province of ministers and laymen sitting in joint meeting."

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